Remarks

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001, which rejects claims 1-6, 9, 11 and 12 and objects to claims 7, 8, 10 and 13-15. By this Response, Applicant cancels claims 1-6, 9, 11 and 12, and rewrites claims 7, 10 and 13-15 in independent form, so that six claims (five independent and one dependent) remain pending in this Application.
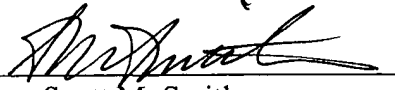
As stated in the Office Action, "Claims 7, 8, 10 and claims 13-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant rewrites claims 7, 10 and 13-15 in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, with only minor typographical or grammatical amendments. Furthermore, the foregoing amendments are not narrowing amendments to claims 7, 10 or 13-15 with respect to patentability in any way, under a *Festo* analysis.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Furthermore, no new matter is added by this Response. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, if such would advance prosecution of this Application in any way.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Response. The attached pages are captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"**.

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7. (amended)   <u>A system for secure transmission of data from a facility to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said system comprising:</u>

<u>a camera device;</u>

<u>an uploader device configured to receive said data from said camera device, said uploader device configured to automatically transmit said data over a network;</u>

<u>said host server configured to communicate with a plurality of said uploader devices through said network; and</u>

<u>said personal computer configured to communicate with said host server,</u>

[The system of claim 1] wherein said host server is configured to automatically transmit to said facility a list of new passwords upon a request by said uploader device.

10. (amended) <u>A system for secure transmission of data from a facility to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said system comprising:</u>

<u>a camera device;</u>

<u>an uploader device configured to receive said data from said camera device, said uploader device configured to automatically transmit said data over a network;</u>

<u>said host server configured to communicate with a plurality of said uploader devices through said network; and</u>

<u>said personal computer configured to communicate with said host server,</u>

[The system of claim 1] wherein said host server is configured to construct and transmit to said personal computer a web page containing a list of available medical facilities and a list of patient images from each of said medical facilities.

13. (amended) <u>A method for securely transmitting data acquired by a camera device to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said method comprising:</u>

<u>acquiring and digitizing images using said camera device;</u>

<u>transmitting said images to an uploader device;</u>

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transmitting said images to said host server via a network, comprising;

assembling a web page, including said images, at said host server in response to a request from said personal computer; and

transmitting said web page to said personal computer,

[The method of claim 12] wherein said step of transmitting images to said host server includes[:];

entering text including at least one of patient name and patient history into said uploader device;

requesting a transfer of said images;

counting said images;

compressing said images if image file is greater than a predetermined threshold;

generating thumbnail image representations of said images;

populating a data file including said images, thumbnail image representations and associated text entries at said uploader device;

establishing a network connection;

transmitting data file to said host server; and

terminating said network connection.

14.   (amended) A method for securely transmitting data acquired by a camera device to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said method comprising:

acquiring and digitizing images using said camera device;

transmitting said images to an uploader device;

transmitting said images to said host server via a network;

assembling a web page, including said images, at said host server in response to a request from said personal computer; and

transmitting said web page to said personal computer,

[The method of claim 12] wherein said steps of assembling a web page and transmitting said web page to said personal computer include[:];

establishing a network connection at said personal computer;

entering host server network address at said personal computer;

transmitting list of facilities from said host server to said personal computer;

selecting a medical facility at said personal computer;

validating user identification and password entered at said personal computer;

accessing, at said host server, patient folders associated with said selected medical facility;

populating, at said host server, an HTML web page with said patient folders;

transmitting said HTML web page from said host server to said personal computer;

selecting, at said personal computer, one of said patient folders in said HTML web page[,]; and,

transmitting said selected one of said patient folders to said personal computer, wherein said patient folder includes said images.

15. (amended) <u>A method for securely transmitting data acquired by a camera device to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said method comprising:</u>

<u>acquiring and digitizing images using said camera device;</u>

<u>transmitting images to an uploader device;</u>

<u>transmitting said images to said host server via a network;</u>

<u>assembling a web page, including said images, at said host server in response to a request from said personal computer;</u>

<u>transmitting said web page to said personal computer;</u>

[The method of claim 12] further comprising the steps of[:];

a) requesting, at said uploader device, temporary-permanent passwords for a particular medical facility for users of said personal computers;

b) distributing said temporary-permanent passwords to said users;

c) requesting, at said personal computer, entry of said temporary-permanent password;

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d) requesting entry, at said personal computer, of a new password;

e) replacing said temporary-permanent password with said new password;

[g)]f) repeating steps (a) – [(f)](e) for a different medical facility such that said new password is identical for each of said medical facility.

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